



## NLR Community Garden Committee Meeting NOTES

August 19, 2015, 3:00–4:30 p.m.

### Committee members present:

**NLR Fit 2 Live** (Bernadette Gunn Rhodes, Sharice Loftin, Beau Cooper)

**NLR Neighborhood Services** (Dan Scott)

**First Presbyterian Church Community Garden** (Robert Fisher) – *also an applicant*

**Baring Cross Community Garden** (Ken and Janie Lumley)

**Skyline Community Garden** (Diane Barton)

**St. Joseph Community Garden** (Ruth Landers) – *St. Joseph Center of AR also an applicant*

**Recovery Centers of Arkansas Garden** (Dawn Smith)

### Applicants present:

**The Field** (Jimmy Parks)

**First Presbyterian Church Community Garden** (see above)

**St. Joseph Center of Arkansas** (see above)

### **3:00-3:45      Discussion of Fall 2015 Community Garden Funding Proposals**

- The committee discussed each proposal individually, including amount requested, budgets and average evaluation scores (see Attachment A).
- Jimmy Parks, Robert Fisher, and Ruth Landers spoke about the goals of their projects.
- *NEXT STEPS for The Field*: Bernadette checking with City Attorney's Office on legalities around building chicken coops and bee boxes and:
  - Giving them to private individuals/residences
  - Giving them to nonprofits outside of NLR
  - Selling them
  - Putting them on private property but The One, Inc. still retaining ownership
- Committee discussed that all the projects have merit and expressed its desire to fund them all at some level.
- **VOTE: Dan Scott moved to fund all six projects at some level. Robert Fisher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **3:45-4:30      Discussion on Funding Levels**

- Committee discussed how to reconcile the \$23,454.00 requested with the \$19,000.00 available.
- Bernadette Rhodes, Beau Cooper, and Dawn Smith put forth suggestions on how much to allocate to each project.
- Bernadette Rhodes put forth a final suggestion that balanced the three previous suggestions (below).
  - **The Field: \$2,800.00**
    - All budget items allowable.
    - Suggestion to start small with just a few bee boxes/chicken coops to determine demand from other NLR community gardens.

- **Heritage House: \$4,400.00**
  - Excluded lawn mower and weed eater from allowable expenses.
  - Get berry bushes from other gardens before buying new. First Pres has blackberry and raspberry, St. Joseph Center has raspberry and elderberry.
- **First Presbyterian: \$1,500.00**
  - All budget items allowable.
- **NLR Community Farm: \$4,000.00**
  - All budget items allowable.
  - Suggestion to use existing railroad ties before buying new lumber for raised beds.
- **St. Joseph Center of Arkansas: \$4,800.00**
  - All budget items allowable.
- **St. Joseph Universal Institute of Theology: \$1,500.00**
  - Excluded gas for tiller and lawnmower from allowable expenses.
- **VOTE:** Dan Scott moved to accept the funding levels. Diane Barton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4:30

Meeting Adjourned

# Attachment A:

## Fall 2015 Community Garden Proposals

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Total Requested: \$23,454.00

Available: \$19,000-max. \$19,819.73

1. **The Field**

108/125 average score

\$4,991.00 requested

2. **Heritage House**

107/125 average score

\$4,931.00 requested

3. **First Presbyterian Argenta**

105/125 average score

\$1,500.00 requested

4. **North Little Rock Community Farm**

100/125 average score

\$5,000.00 requested

5. **St. Joseph Center of Arkansas Hunger Relief Garden**

92/125 average score

\$5,000.00 requested

6. **St. Joseph Universal Institute of Theology**

90/125 average score

\$2,032.00 requested